



Record of Determination for a Partial and Temporary  
Closure of A Portion of George Washington Memorial  
Parkway For Revegetation

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Pursuant to 36 CFR 1.5(a), George Washington Memorial Parkway is temporary and partially closing limited park area for Revegetation. Specifically, from approximately 5/10/04 12:00 AM **Until Further Notice, Two Social Trails On The South Side Of The Road At Turkey Run Park** located between Area C1 and Area B and directly across from Area C2 will be **closed**.

This temporary and partial closure for revegetation is necessary for the protection of natural resources. Less restrictive measures will not suffice because of the level of current damage to the park in this area. It is not of a nature, magnitude and duration that will result in a "significant alteration in the public use pattern" because of the limited closure period for this small area and because other nearby park areas in the George Washington Memorial Parkway will remain open to the public.

As such, the closure does not constitute an impairment to park resources and values and will not adversely affect the park's natural, aesthetic or cultural values. It does not require significant modification to the resource management objections. It is also not of a highly controversial nature because alternate, legal trails exist for visitors to access the park. Accordingly, the National Park Service determines that publication as rulemaking in the Federal Register is unwarranted under 36 CFR 1.5©. This is consistent with the George Washington Memorial Parkway's past partial and temporary closure. This is also consistent with the legal opinion of the Office of the Solicitor and past judicial adjudications. *Spiegel v. Babbitt*, 855 F. Supp. 402 (D.D.C.1994).

Pursuant to 36 CFR 1.7, notice of this temporary and partial closure will be made by roping off of the social trails across from Area C and the posting of signs at conspicuous locations. Finally, pursuant to 36 CFR 1.5©, this determination is available to the public upon request.

  
George Washington Memorial Parkway Superintendent

5/11/04  
Date